

SCRIPT ICE SKATING RINK NAIROBI

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PRESENTATION

Suppose you live in a tropic country and during the festive season you fall home sick. Thinking about those dark en cold days, together with your family at home. It can happen to you as an expat in a hot and foreign country. So what do you do then? In Kenya there is a way to deal with this. Just go the ice skating rink and go skating like in the old days. Meanwhile outsider it's hot and dry. The skating rink the last few weeks is very popular. Even with Kenyans, eventhough many of them never saw ice in their life.

BETA

15,000 square feet of ice just under the equator.
It really exists, and 100nds of people daily enjoy it.

SOUNDBITE BOY BOUNCING THE FENCE SOUNDBITE GIRL PASSING BY SMILING

This ice skating rink is hidden
in this 5-star hotel in Nairobi.
With a sun blazen safari park
as the view.
The weather is wonderful,
hot and not humid.
Still some people choose an
environment where it's freezing.

QUOTE white skater
We miss the cold in Christmas.

So this family from Italy
gets some cold to enjoy.
Their sun really loves skating.

SOUNDBITE BOY SKATING FAST

Skaten is surely not a part

of local Kenyan culture.
Many never ever saw ice, and
especially the small need training.
Still skating became popular
in the 3 years the rink is open.

Quote

JAMAL GIATHI

instructor

***Most of the schools today they do roller blading.
So right now in Kenya everybody acts normal***

SOUNDBITE GIRL PASSING BY

To keep a bunch of ice like this
frozen in the tropics is not easy.
It's taking about 9,000 Dollars monthly for electricity.
You could wonder whether this
is harmful to the environment.
The manager of the hotel says they're operating carbon-friendly.

QUOTE SIGI LOEPE directeur Panari Hotel

We pull the power from the national grid and pay our bills.

No wonder why skating
Is costing 12 Dollars per hour.
It can still give you a nice Christmas feeling.
And if you would like a hot drink after the cold.
You can take it in the hotel lobby,
meanwhile watching the safari park.